



Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, June 22, 2015
5:00-6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

Welcome and call to order at 5:07 PM

Board Members In Attendance: Chad Galts, Martin Huntley, Nicky Nichtern, Ellen Foley, Kathy Cloutier, Anna Cano Morales, Rick Richards.

Absent: Robin Warde, Nancy Levitt-Vieira

Staff in Attendance: Julie Nora, Liz Machado

Others: Timothy Groves

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Introduction of Timothy Groves, new Director of League of Charter Schools.
- Review of current legislative initiatives that initially targeted the mayoral academies but have been broadened to all charters.
- House and senate bills not in agreement – unclear if they'll get to agreement before end of session.
- Governor has indicated intent to veto legislation that damages charters, but lots of misinformation in legislature and veto could be overridden.
- Funding formula will be revisited regardless of outcomes of this session's initiatives.
- League needs to convey clear, realistic fiscal and academic impacts of funding revisions.
- Bigger picture of League role: build more collaborations between charters, and charters and districts.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Development Committee
 - Have upcoming meeting with Barbara Sokoloff and Betsy Grenier.
- Academic Committee:
 - Met in June.

- Collaboration with Urban Education Practicum at Brown will match grad students to ICS to do summer work researching IB programs and second language proficiency assessment.
- Finance Committee:
 - Recommends Board approval of next year's budget (action below).
- Governance Committee:
 - Robin's term ends in September, Nicky is looking to leave the Board when replacement is found.
- Health & Wellness Committee:
 - ICS had fastest team at recent 5K run.
- Evaluation Committee:
 - Board survey of reactions to Julie's work is forthcoming.
 - New goals for Julie are being developed over the summer – these will be aligned with Strategic Plan priorities.
- Expansion Committee
 - Discussions underway with Barbara Sokoloff.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proposed budget presented and discussed (Attachment A – proposed budget; Attachment B: slide show budget summary).

- Issue: what to do if we're not allowed to admit the 18 additional students this budget is premised on.
- Costs of health insurance: while there may be potential to aggregate across charters, their different enrollment periods has presented a barrier to this.

Staff plan

- One staff member has left, another might be leaving.

Strategic Plan

- Next draft is in process and will be distributed to Board members for additional input prior to finalization at the end of August meeting.

Dissemination grant

- A conversation with RIDE today might indicate a problem with the application, but no detail yet available.

ACTION ITEMS

Approved 8/31/15

- Motion to approve the 5/18/2015 Board meeting minutes, as amended to include Julie as attending staff and not Board member, was passed unanimously.
- Motion to approved the proposed budget for 2016-17 was passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve Board terms and officers for 2015-16 (Attachment C) was approved unanimously.

Next Board meeting: August 31, 2015, 5:00-6:30 pm.

By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Martin Huntley

Approved 8/31/15

Attachment C



Board of Trustees

Officer Slate

Chad Galts, President

Nicky Nichtern, Vice President

Martin Huntley, Secretary

Nancy Levitt-Vieira, Treasurer

Terms

Renewal of Nancy Levitt-Vieira for 2nd term